

ABSTRACT

An information processing apparatus and an information processing method are provided to carry out an efficient content transfer process. When the contents stored in and managed by the information processing apparatus are to be transferred to an external device, a check-out log is acquired from the external device as information including the content IDs about the contents already transferred to the device. The content IDs in the check-out log are compared with the content IDs acquired from a song management information storage section in the information processing apparatus with regard to the contents stored in the apparatus, whereby non-transferred contents are selected and transferred to the external device. The inventive apparatus and method eliminate the need for the user to confirm already transferred contents in order to select the contents to be transferred, thus making the transfer of contents more efficient than before.